



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, March 20, 2025.**

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at **6:05 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk A. Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Liddle P
Barry P Nero P
Guzzo P Scales P

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Manager)	Parker <u>P</u> (Assistant Manager)	Hennerfeind <u>P</u> (CDD Director)
Brainerd <u>P</u> (H.R. Director)	McIntyre <u>P</u> (Communications)	Liljeberg <u>P</u> (I.T.)
Chief Gunther <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	D.C. Thompson <u>P</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>P</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Fitzgerald <u>A</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Berkowitz <u>A</u> (Fire Prevention Director)	D.C. Frank <u>P</u> (Deputy Fire Chief)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Forssberg - A Harding - A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- No open forum requests

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**
 P=PRESENT **Y=YES** **R=RECUSE**

Note: *The items listed in these minutes are summaries only and are not meant to be a direct transcript of the Mayor's, Manager's, Clerk's and Trustees' comments. For actual quotes of the referenced items please refer to the Archival video copy of this meeting.*

VOTING SUMMARY

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARRY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Gave an update on our sister city. Our Economic Development Director Larry Forssberg and Police Chief Jim Gunther are currently in Taiwan as guests of the Taiwanese Government to attend the Smart Cities Conference as well as be part of numerous Sister City programs. We look forward to getting a report from them regarding their trip.
- Encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

Village Clerk Szymski

- In person early voting has begun for the April 1st Consolidated Election. More information can be found on both the Village of Westmont and the DuPage County website. In Westmont, early voting is at the Westmont Library.
- Village offices will be closed April 18th and May 26, 2025.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 26th.
- Recapped the Public Works Committee meeting:
 - Talked about sharing fleet services with neighboring communities.
 - Signage for civic organizations was discussed for non-profit entities.
 - Employee of the year for Public Works is Mike Bueser.
 - Service Award was given to Frank Kulas, Jr. for 25 years of service.
 - Annual Report was given
- Residents can sign up for the tree seedling giveaways. You can select which seedling you want then pick it up on Arbor Day, April 25th, from 1pm - 5pm at the Library.
- Online sign up has begun for Adopt-a-Planter and that information is available on our website.
- A construction update for projects going on in the Village is on our website. There is a lot of good information on the website.

- Lincoln & 41st water main extension project is scheduled to begin on Monday.
- Congratulations to the Junior H.S. on their Pizza Wars Fundraiser.

Trustee Barry

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 12th.
- April 19 - The Police Department has a paper shred event and the proceeds go to support the Special Olympics. This event will be on April 19, 2025 from 9am - 12pm. More information is on the website.
- April 26 - Drug Takeback Day is April 26th from 10am - 2pm at the Westmont Mariano's and the Westmont Police Department.
- May 16 - Cop on a rooftop fundraiser will be May 16th. The proceeds will go to support Illinois Special Olympics at both Dunkin' Donuts locations in town.

Trustee Scales

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be April 17, 2025.
- The April 9th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been cancelled.
- There is a special meeting for the Planning and Zoning Commission that will take place either on April 16th or potentially April 23rd.
 - The zoning ordinance updates will be discussed.

Trustee Guzzo

- There will be a Special Fire Public Safety Committee meeting on Thursday, March 27 at Village Hall to discuss options for a new Fire Station.
- The Knights of Columbus is holding their Lenton Fish Fry every Friday from 5pm - 8pm at 25 N. Cass Ave.

Trustee Barker

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee meeting will be April 7th at the Westmont Public Library.
- The next Electronics Recycling & More event will be April 5th in the commuter parking lot. More information can be found on the Village website.
- There will be a guest speaker on April 7th at the Environmental Improvement Committee. The topic will be native plants. Then on May 5th the presentation will be about solar power.
- Announced the Protect our Pollinators Program, which was formally known as "No Mow til' Mother's Day". This program encourages residents to consider planting native plants on their private property so as to provide additional habitat for pollinators. Sign up is on the village website.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be April 3rd, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Businesses are invited to sign up to have their windows painted by a local artist for the spring. If anyone is interested visit westmontevents.com for more information.
- The Community News Magazine has gone out to residents and is being delivered to the community. A digital copy is also posted on the Village website.

- Gave condolences to the Alonzo Family. Sam Alonzo passed away last weekend. He was active in the community as a business person, member of the Chamber, and was extremely involved with Westmont Special Events serving as president for 4 years. He is the person who is credited with bringing Casket Races to Westmont. We will miss him greatly.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for the 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 Appropriations Ordinance for the Village of Westmont.

- Finance Director Allen Altic addressed the Village Board and gave information about the public hearing. Due to the transition of moving from a fiscal year to a calendar year, we needed to go through this process.
- Mayor Gunter opened the public hearing at 6:14pm.
- There was no one in the audience that wanted to address the Village Board regarding the public hearing.
- The public hearing was closed at 6:15pm.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Manage May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda.

(A) VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

- Board to consider approving the Village Board Meeting held on **March 6, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 6 **\$ 1,593,835.52**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

Tyler Technologies	\$ 34,728.75
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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #6: **\$ 1,628,564.27**

(E) JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

(F) 2025 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE

Board to accept a resolution to support the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Seconded by **Trustee Scales** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) MAYOR'S PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter and Conor Donoghue addressed the Village on this Board item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion confirming the Mayor's appointment of Conor Donoghue to fill the open Planning & Zoning Commissioner position.

Seconded by **Trustee Scales** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE'S FISCAL YEAR 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance adopting the 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025 Fiscal Year Appropriation Ordinance.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - WASHINGTON AND TRAUBE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid to Performance Construction & Engineering LLC for the Washington and Traube Infrastructure Improvements project in the amount of \$6,568,713.00 and authorizing a construction contract consistent with the bid documents.

Seconded by **Trustee Guzzo** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL OCCUPATIONAL TAX AND A NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAX

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance imposing an additional Non-Home Rule Municipal Occupational Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Tax.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: Barry

Absent: None

(6) REAPPROVAL OF AMENDED TREE REGULATIONS

Village Attorney Zemenak addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barry** to consider an ordinance reapproving comprehensive text amendments to Chapter 80 and Chapter 86 of the Westmont Code of Ordinances regarding trees and landscaping.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nothing for miscellaneous

(7) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn the regular meeting.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2025